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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE-TANZANIA JOINT COMMISSION TALKS IN BEIRA

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1. SUMMARY: DELEGATIONS INCLUDING EIGHT TANZANIAN AND SEVEN MOZAMBICAN MINISTERS MET IN BEIRA TO DISCUSS BILATERAL COOPERATION. TWO COUNTRIES AGREED TO WORK TOWARD ESTABLISHING A FREE-TRADE ZONE AND COMMON EXPORT POLICY ON SOME COMMODITIES. CONSIDERING THE NUMBER OF HIGH-LEVEL PARTICIPANTS, FEW IMPORTANT DECISIONS WERE REACHED, AND MAIN PURPOSE OF CONCLAVE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN REINFORCEMENT OF ALREADY CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. AN INITIMATE GROUP OF SIXTY HIGH AND MID-LEVEL MOZAMBIQUE AND TANZANIA OFFICIALS MET IN BEIRA, AUGUST 17-19, FOR THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE PERMANENT JOINT COMMISSION. LED BY GPRM MINISTER OF PLANNING MARCELINO DOS SANTOS AND TANGOV FINANCE MINISTER E.I. MTEI, THE COMMISSION PASSED RESOLUTIONS ON PRINCIPALLY ECONOMIC
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TOPICS.

3. THE NATIONS WILL TAKE MEASURES TO ESTABLISH A FREE TRADE ZONE IN WHICH PREFERENTIAL TARIFFS WILL BE GRADUALLY REDUCED RECIPROCALLY. THEY SIGNED A COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT RELATING TO PRESENT TRADE AND RECOMMENDED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMON EXPORT POLICY CONCERNING CERTAIN COMMODITIES (PRESUMABLY CASHEWS AND SISAL). THE

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COMMISSION ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE ACCORD WHICH ALLOWS PAYMENT IN LOCAL CURRENCIES BE EXPANDED.

4. THE COMMISSION REVIEWED PROGRESS AND RECOMMENDED EXPANDED COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF INDUSTRY, DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR REPRESENTATION, UNIVERSITY EDUCATION, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, MARITIME TRANSPORTATION AND THE ROVUMA RIVER UNITY BRIDGE. THE GOVERNMENTS HOPES TO START BUILDING THE ROVUMA BRIDGE BY THE END OF THE YEAR. FROM PRESS REPORTS, IT APPEARED THAT NO MAJOR NEW DEPARTURES IN THESE FIELDS WERE DECIDED AT BEIRA. DURING THEIR VISIT, THE TANZANIAN DELEGATION ALSO TOURED FACTORIES AND FARMS IN THE BEIRA AREA.

5. COMMENT: THE BILATERAL DETERMINATION TO FORM A FREE-TRADE ZONE COULD BE THE BEGINNING OF EFFORTS TOWARD A NEW REGIONAL GROUPING, WHICH EVENTUALLY COULD INCLUDE OTHER BLACK-RULED STATES IN THE REGION. IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE LARGE INCREASES IN TRADE BETWEEN MOZAMBIQUE AND TANZANIA BECAUSE OF THE SIMILARITY OF THEIR EXPORTS AND THE SHORTAGES OF GOODS WHICH PLAGUE BOTH ECONOMIES. THE STAR-STUDDED CAST WAS APPARENTLY ASSEMBLED MORE FOR SYMBOLIC THAN SUBSTANTIVE REASONS. AS DAR SUGGESTED REFTEL, MASS, HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE IS BECOMING CHARACTERISTIC OF MOZAMBIQUE-TANZANIA RELATIONS AND REPRESENTS THE COMMITMENT EACH FEELS TO BUILDING A STRONG POLITICAL BOND.

6. MEMBERS OF GPRM DELEGATION WERE:
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MARCELINO DOS SANTOS - MINISTER OF PLANNING
JOSE LUIS CABACO - MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNIATIONS
JULIO CARRILHO - MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING
SALOMAO MUGUAMBE - MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE
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SALOMAO MANHICA - NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF CULTURE
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